

REMARKS

In the final official action dated November 30, 2004, claim 23 was objected to for depending from a rejected base claim, but was indicated to be allowable if re-written in independent form.

In the Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.116 filed with Certificate of Mailing dated January 26, 2005 (within 2-month reply period), Applicant presented claim 23 rewritten in independent form as new claim 33.

By Advisory Action dated February 15, 2005, the aforementioned Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.116 was indicated not to be entered because, inter alia, it presented additional claims without cancelling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

By this Supplemental Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.116, Applicant proposes to cancel the dependent claim 23 that was previously indicated to be allowable, and to present the subject matter thereof in independent claim 33 which is therefore submitted to be allowable.

In addition, Applicant proposes herein to cancel the withdrawn method claims, and to amend all of the remaining claims to depend variously from independent claim 33. It is submitted that this Supplemental Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.116 places this application in condition for allowance and avoids raising any new issues.

No extension fee is believed to be required in view of the timely responses exchanged in this application. However, authorization is provided herewith to charge an extension fee, if required, against the designated deposit account.

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application to issue are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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